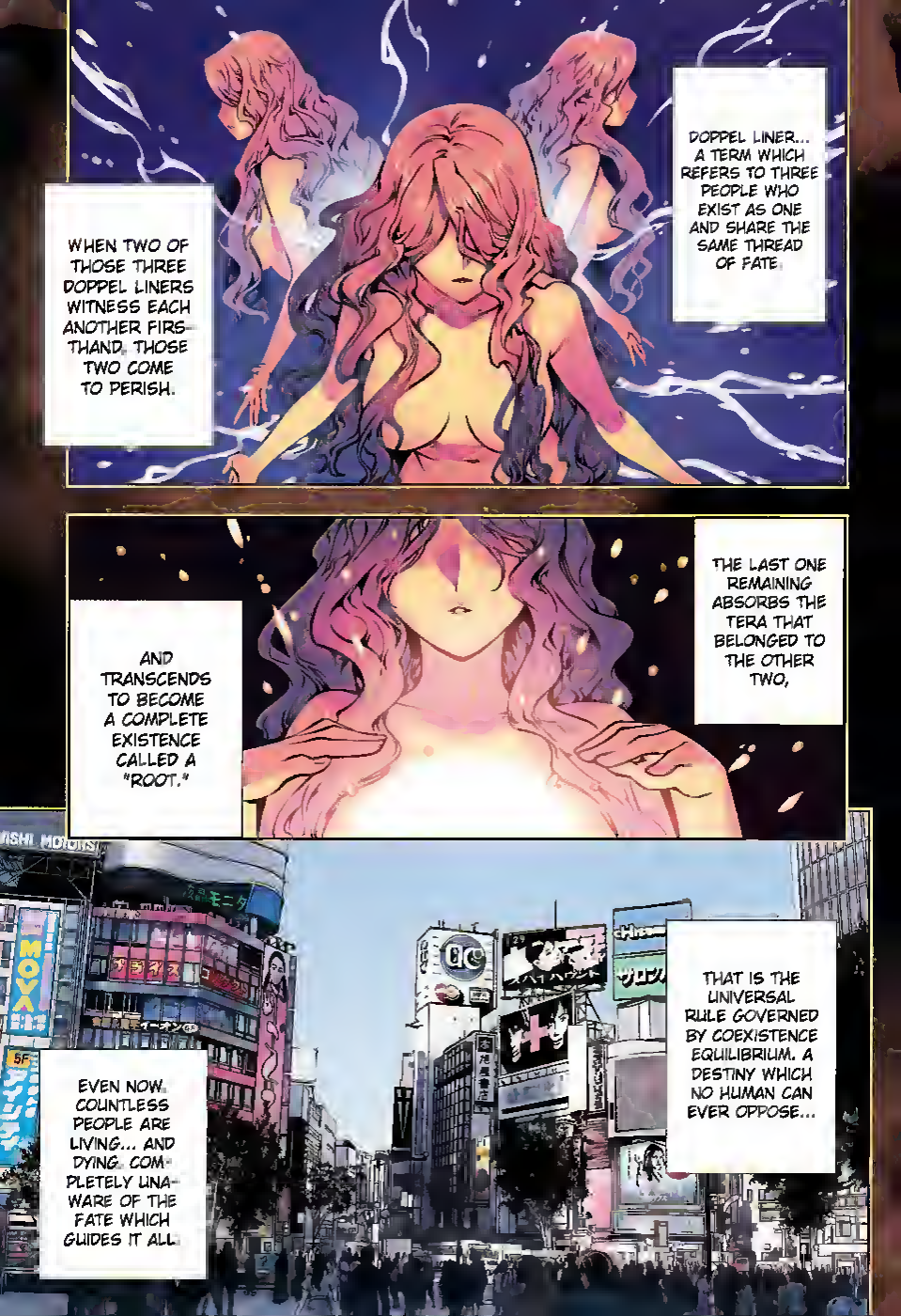
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It's been about 4 years since Black God debuted in Japan and now the long-awaited announcement came to make it into an anime! Since I originally got into manga from watching anime, I can't begin to express how moved I was to hear my work will be made into one! In my 15 years as a manga artist, nothing has made me happier. More than anything, I want to share this joy with all of my readers. After all, I'm only here because of you! Thank you so much!!

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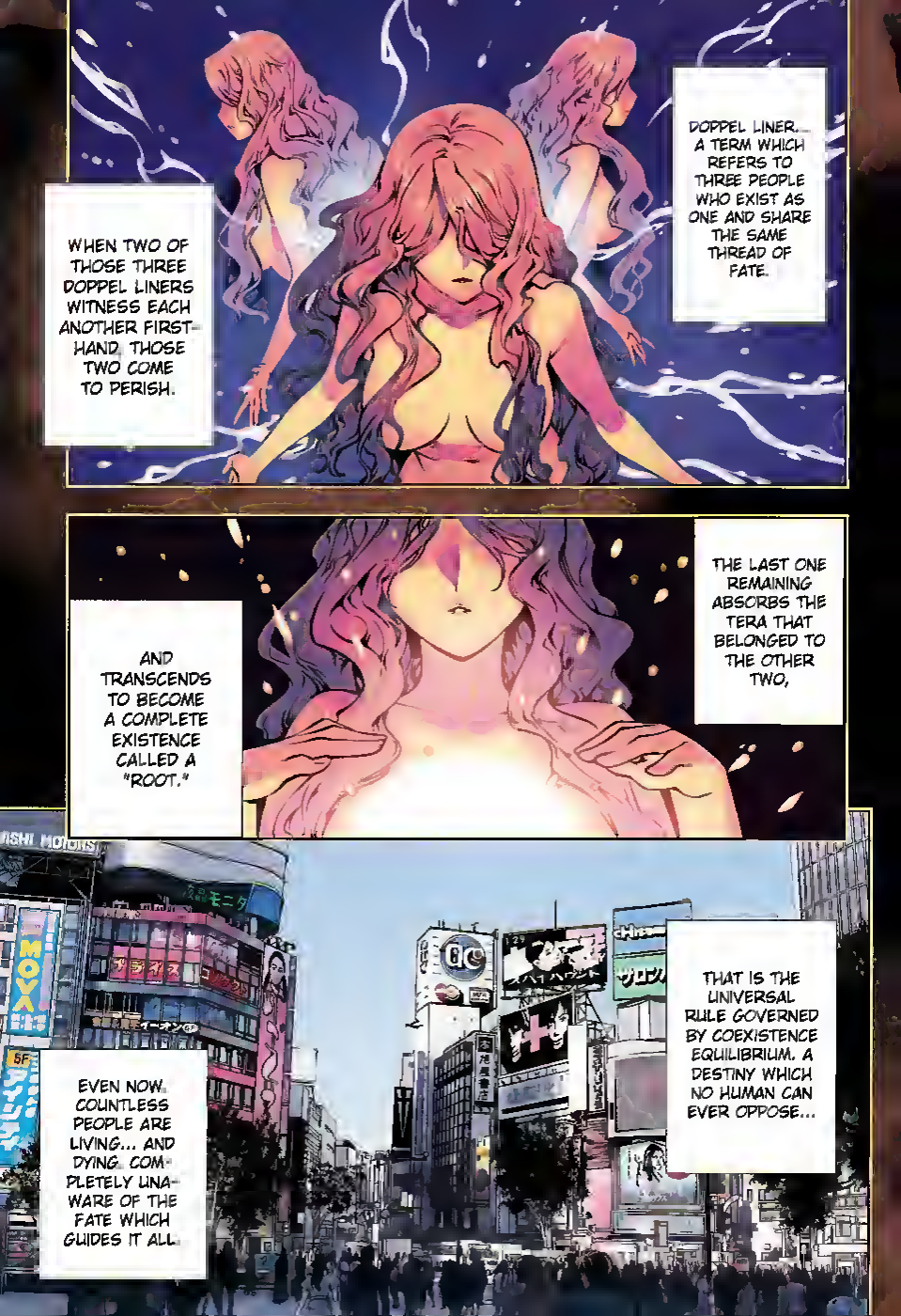
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AND YET... THERE IS SPOKEN A TALE
IN WHICH A GROUP OF PEOPLE WAGED THEIR LIVES TO OVERTURN THAT SEEMINGLY IN-SURMOUNTABLE THING WE CALL "FATE"...
FATE.59 Throbbing x Resolve
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KUBOYAMA! ABE! ...WHAT'S UP?
...!
WHAT'S WITH YOU WALTZIN' IN HERE LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED!?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW WORRIED WE WERE!?
OWOWOW! SORRY, SORRY!

WELCOME BACK, IBUKI-KUN.

I'M SORRY... FOR ALL OF THE TROUBLE I CAUSED YOU!
NOW, NOW THAT'S ALL DONE AND GONE

SHIOZAKI-SAN!
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE DOING WELL.

I SAW THE DISASTER SCENES ON THE NEWS FROM THE EARTH-QUAKES IN OKINAWA.
IT'S AMAZING YOU MADE IT BACK ALIVE.

I'M SURE YOU'VE CERTAINLY HAD YOUR SHARE OF PAIN AND SUFFERING WITH WHAT YOU EXPERIENCED, BUT DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU.
PEOPLE WHO'VE TASTED DESPAIR AND RISE ABOVE IT ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO TRULY KNOW THE MEANING OF REAL STRENGTH.
.....!
..R-RIGHT
WELL, AS SOON AS YOU'VE SETTLED DOWN, PLEASE GET BACK TO WORK.
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT...!?
IT'S LIKE SHIOZAKI-SAN KNOWS EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN OKINAWA...

YEAH, RIGHT THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE...
IT'S ABOUT TIME THE THREE OF US GO GRAB A DRINK, EH?
GREAT IDEA THERE, KEITA!
I SECOND THAT!
WELCOME HOME, KEITA-KUN!
KEITA-SAN, DID YOU HAVE A NICE DAY AT WORK?

WHAT?
OH, AKANE-SAN, YOU'RE HERE TOO?
I FIGURED YOU'D BE RETURNING LATE, SO I CAME TO MAKE KURO-CHAN SOME DINNER
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR HER!
KEITA-SAN! DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTS FOR ME?
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WHADDYA MEAN PRE-SENTS!?
Y'KNOW, LIKE FRUITS— OR CAKE!
YOU'VE ALREADY HAD DINNER!!
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KEITA-SAN'S FACE IS ALL RED!
DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU

WERE YOU DRINKING?
JUST A LITTLE BIT.

PHEW....
ドサッ

THE PARK? WHAT FOR?

TO TRAIN, WHAT ELSE!?
HUH?

I GOT OUT EARLY FROM THE DRINKING PARTY FOR THIS.
KURO! WE'RE TAKING A WALK TO THE PARK, SO GO GET READY.

I DON'T NEED TO REMIND YOU OF ALL THAT HAPPENED IN OKINAWA...
I SUFFERED A PAINFUL WAKE-UP CALL, REMINDING ME JUST HOW WEAK I AM.
BUT YOU KNOW, WHAT PISSED ME OFF THE MOST IS HOW MY PROCRASTINATION WAS TO BLAME.
THIS WHOLE TIME SOMEWHERE IN THE BACK OF MY MIND,
I NEVER CONSIDERED MYSELF A PART OF THIS MESS
I NEVER THOUGHT I WAS FIT FOR FIGHTING.
THAT'S WHY... I NEVER BOTHERED TO GIVE IT ANY REAL EFFORT.
BUT NOW ...
I'VE RESOLVED.
GRAMPS ...
KAKUMA ...
AND MOM...
THE SADNESS ALL OF THEM LEFT BEHIND
WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR FROM INSIDE OF ME.

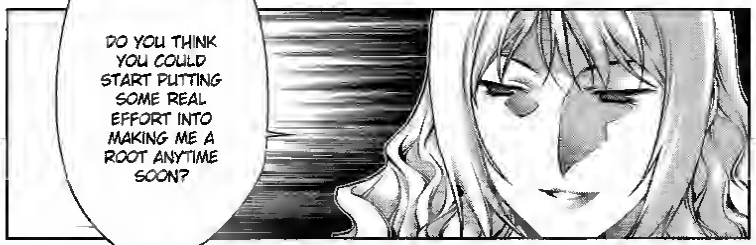
I MUST BECOME STRONGER
SO THAT NOTHING WILL STAND IN THE WAY OF THE FATE I PAVE FOR MYSELF!

THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING TO TRAIN.

HUH ...?
SEEING KEITA-SAN SAY THAT, MY HEART'S STARTED TO THROB ...
KURO-CHAN?
WHY'S SHE BLUSHING ...?

IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE STUBBORN RATS HAVE MANAGED TO SURVIVE THE OKINAWA EXPERIMENT...
UNLIKE WE EXPECTED...
YOU MEAN?

THE WAY YOU SAY THAT MAKES ME WONDER IF YOU REALLY MEAN IT...


DO YOU THINK YOU COULD START PUTTING SOME REAL EFFORT INTO MAKING ME A ROOT ANYTIME SOON?

BUT OF COURSE.

OH, BY THE WAY... THE KAIONJI GROUP HAS CONDUCTED THE TEST YOU WANTED.
NEW TRIBAL ENDS WERE SELECTED.

YET ANOTHER ARMY AT YOUR DISPOSAL.
ONCE THE TRAINING PROGRAM IS COMPLETE, AND THESE MEMBERS DEPLOYED,
THE SHISHIGAMI CLAN'S MILITARY STRENGTH WILL BE NEARLY FIVE TIMES WHAT IT WAS BEFORE
IN ORDER TO MANAGE SUCH A LARGE-SCALE ORGANIZATION FROM BEHIND THE SCENES,
IT'S CLEARLY GOING TO COST US A COLOSSAL AMOUNT OF MONEY...ARE YOU SURE THIS IS *ABSOLUTELY* NECESSARY FOR OUR PLAN?
IT IS, MY PRINCESS.
EVERYTHING I'M DOING IS FOR YOU.

"GI TIS EPANGELIAS"

YOU HAVE MY WORD THAT THE KAIONJI GROUP WILL FLOURISH FOR ALL ETERNITY ONCE THE WORLD'S TERA HAS BEEN PURIFIED.

NOTE: GREEK FOR "THE HOLY" AND "KAIONJI IS IT" "PLAN TO ESTABLISH NEW HOLY LAND".

MEGA
EXE
T-TIME OUT!! I NEED A BREAK!
UWAAA!

THE ONLY THING I'VE LEARNED IS MY LIMIT...?
AFTER ALL THAT HAPPENED IN OKINAWA
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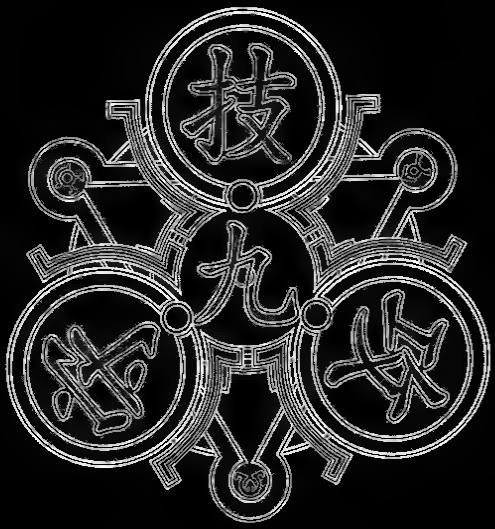
THAT WAS ONLY THREE SHOTS, RIGHT...?
STOP MAKING IT SOUND SO EASY!
ONLY BECAUSE THE SACRED GROUND WAS LENDING ME POWER
BUT KEITA-SAN, YOU HELD OUT LONGER IN OKINAWA...
THAT PROVES THERE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH ROOM FOR KEITA-SAN TO GROW, BUT...
BUT A HUMAN PARTNER CAN'T DRAW POWER FROM A SACRED GROUND UNLESS THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO HANDLE IT...
EH?
WE NEED HELP.

IF ONLY I HAD A BETTER HANDLE ON THE MECHANISM BEHIND THE LINK BETWEEN A MOTOT-SUMITAMA AND THEIR PARTNER...
IF POSSIBLE, WE SHOULD ASK SOMEONE WHO'S STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE ON THE KAIONJI GROUP...
WE HAVEN'T BEEN CON-TRACTED ALL THAT LONG...
AND I'M NOT ALL THAT CONFIDENT THAT THIS WAY OF TRAINING WILL REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
I THINK I'M READY TO BEG SOMEONE TO TEACH ME WHAT TO DO.
KEITA-SAN...

LET'S SEARCH FOR THAT PERSON TOGETHER!
LET'S SEARCH FOR THAT PERSON TOGETHER!
AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO GO CRAWLING BACK TO THE TNO FOR A REFERRAL...
KURO KNOWS JUST WHO TO ASK!
IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO FIT'S YOUR DESCRIPTION IT'S THAT PERSON!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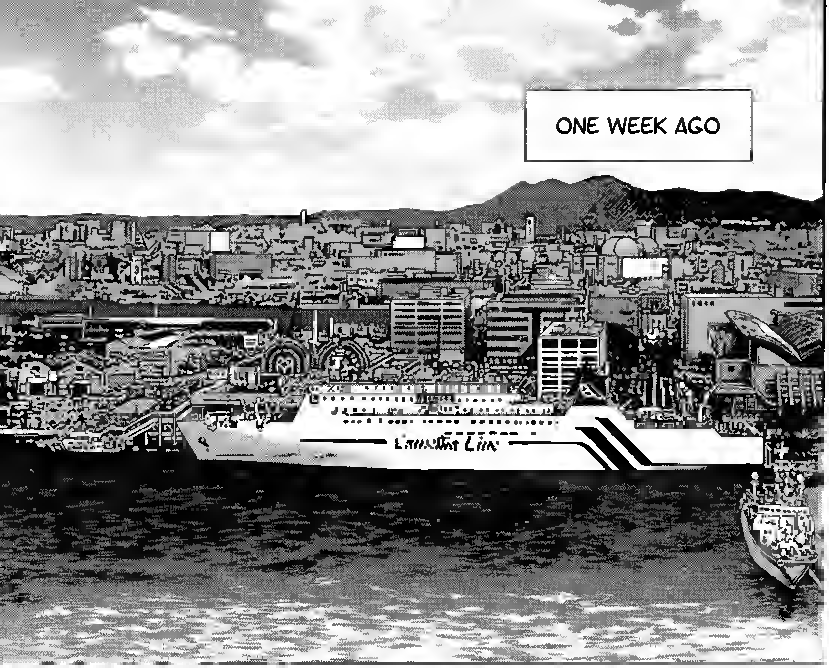
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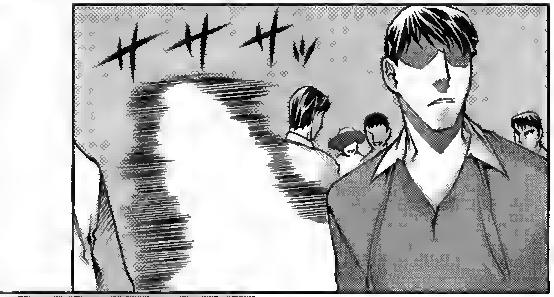

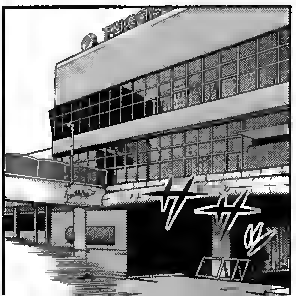

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HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET TO TOKYO FROM HERE?
SOOO...

YES, WHAT ABOUT IT?
WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?
SAY, ARE YOU KOREAN?
tap tap

T-THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
LET ME HELP YOU WITH YOUR LUGGAGE. HERE, I GOT IT.
WHAT A NICE YOUNG MAN
HIS KOREAN SOUNDS STRANGE
UM, TOKYO...
AAAH, THEN YOU'D BETTER TAKE THE BUS! LET ME SHOW YOU THE WAY.

HERE YOU GO! JUST WAIT FOR THE BUS RIGHT HERE
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"AHEM"
WHY ARE YOU HOLDING OUT YOUR HAND?
IT'S FOR A TIP. THE CUSTOMARY WAY TO SAY THANK YOU.
THAT'LL BE 20,000 YEN, PLEASE.
20 THOUSAND!?
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NO SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS REQUIRES SUCH AN OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY!!
BUT THAT'S THE TYPICAL AMOUNT WE GIVE HERE IN JAPAN.
YOU THINK I'M SOME COUNTRY BUMPKIN AND ARE TRYING TO CON ME, AREN'T YOU!!
N-NOT AT ALL...
SHIT. SHE AIN'T FALLIN' FOR IT

10,000 YEN!!
OK! (MORON!)

HOWEVER, BEFORE I GIVE IT TO YOU, IF THAT FITS?
Where is it exactly
THE FIRST FLOOR OF THAT LARGE BUILDING ON THE LEFT SIDE.

SUCH A SIMPLE FAVOR COSTS 20,000 ...?
WHAT A DREADFULLY EXPENSIVE COUNTRY.

I MIGHT AS WELL TRY FOR WHAT I CAN GET. I CAN BE VERY FIRM WHEN I NEED TO BE!
I WONDER IF IT'S TOO LATE TO TALK HIM DOWN TO 3,000 YEN...
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO WATCH MY PENNIES. ASIDE FROM THE 10,000 IN MY BAGS, THIS IS ALL I HAVE LEFT.
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MY BAGS!
MY MAP!
MY LETTER OF RE-COMMEN-DATION!
MY MO-NEYYYYY!!
KURO KNOWS JUST WHO TO ASK!

I'M TALKING ABOUT HOUJOU MIKAMI-SAN.
WHAT!?
SOMEONE YOU KNOW VERY WELL TOO, KEITA-SAN.
WH-WHO?
SHE'S WELL-INFORMED ABOUT THIS CITY'S AFFAIRS.
I'M SURE SHE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND ITS SHADOWS.
NOT ONLY IS SHE A MOTO-TSUMITAMA WITH DECADES OF EXPERIENCE UNDER A CONTRACT,
THEN WE NEED TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE HER COOPERATE!
IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE SHE'D AC-TUALLY HELP US...
Y'KNOW, YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT. BUT...

IN ORDER TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE KAIONJI GROUP,
AND IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNERSHIP,
WE ABSOLUTELY CAN'T GO WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE!!
WITHOUT EXCEL-SAN RIGHT NOW ...
.....
WE HAVE TO JUMP AT ANY OPPORTUNITY WE CAN GET, NO MATTER HOW SLIM OUR CHANCES ARE!!
...OKAY.
LET'S GO TALK TO MIKAMI...

HOUJOU MIKAMI...
I BET SHE STILL HATES OUR GUTS AFTER WHAT HAPPENED
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN SHOPPING~
THEY'RE SAMPLES SO OF COURSE!
REALLY!? IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR KURO TO EAT THESE?
Y-YEAH, I... KNOW...
AKANE-SAN! THE LADY SAYS THE FOOD IS FREE!!

WHAT SHALL I MAKE FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
GUESS I'LL GO WITH KEITA-KUN'S FAVORITE ROLLED CABBAGE.

FIRST, I'LL NEED 200 GRAMS OF PORK...
PORK
...AND THEN SOME TOFU...
TOFU
ビクッ

KURO-CHAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING SNEAKING AROUND BEHIND ME?
N-NOTHING AT ALL!
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YOU'RE COLLECTING THE SAME INGREDIENTS AS I AM.
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO COPY MY SHOPPING?

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE PLANNING ON COOKING FOR KEITA-KUN ALL BY YOURSELF?
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wasn't trying to
.....
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PREPARE THE MEAL, DO YOU?
.....

ALL RIGHT, I GUESS I COULD TEACH YOU.
WANT TO COOK IT TOGETHER?
R-REALLY!?!
OH... THAT'S RIGHT...
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Akane-san, you're a real angel!
AW, YOU'RE TOO MUCH, KURO-CHAN~♡
AND YOUR FOOD WOULD END UP TASTING LIKE GARBAGE COMPARED TO MINE ANYWAY!
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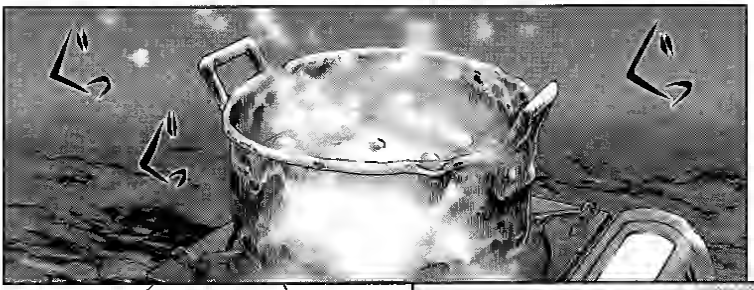
HEY, LOOK AT THE PUPPY!
AH, OH YEAH!
IS HE WAITING FOR HIS OWNER?
ISN'T HE A SMART LITTLE GUY~ ♡
.....!

FUFUFU... I HAVE CAPTURED MY PREY!
!!!!

WHAT LUCK TO FIND A WEASEL LIKE THIS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY!
MY FIRST MEAL WITH MEAT IN A LONG WHILE!
HAVING RUN OUT OF MONEY AFTER FINALLY REACHING TOKYO, I THOUGHT THIS WAS GOING TO BE THE END.
BUT NOW I WON'T DIE OF STARVATION!!
Sigh, consider me!

PUNIPUNI! WHERE ARE YOU...?
HE'S NOT THERE EITHER?
NO, I CAN'T FIND HIM!
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM!
HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO WANDER OFF ON HIS OWN...!



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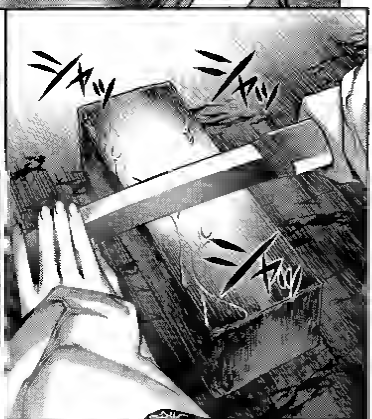

I'LL HAVE TO REMOVE HIS FUR FIRST.
LUCKILY, HE'S SHORT-HAIRED, SO THIS SHOULD BE SIMPLE.
BUT BEFORE THAT, I'LL PUT YOU TO SLEEP.
REST IN PEACE!
HM...?

BUT OUR WORLD OPERATES BASED ON SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST! THIS IS JUST ANOTHER MEANS OF MAINTAINING COEXISTENCE EQUILIBRIUM!
IT PAINS MY HEART TO WATCH YOU CLING TO LIFE SO DESPERATELY, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ONLY A WEASEL.
I PROMISE TO SAVOR EVERY LAST BITE!
SAY GOOD BYE!
WOOF!

DID YOU FIND HIM?!
PUNI-PUNI!!
THIS WAY, AKANE-SAN!
R-RIGHT!
……!!
……!
THE TENACITY OF YOUR WILL TO LIVE IS CERTAINLY ADMIRABLE.
Doesn't that hurt your back?
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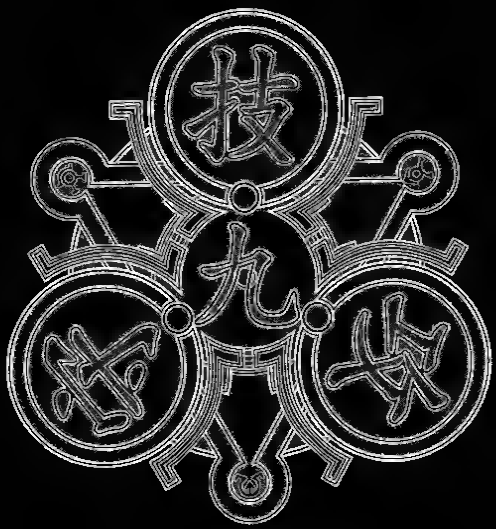
!
PLEASE, STOP!!
THIS PLACE HAS SHINRYONS, TOO!?
SHINRYON?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PUNI-PUNI!?
HOW SPLENDID!
I NEVER EXPECTED TO MEET ANOTHER OF MY KIND IN THIS FOREIGN LAND!

T/N - A NEW WAY TO SAY IT, BUT SHINRYON IS AN OLD TERM. THIS IS THE SAME WORD IN MOTOTSUKIMITAMA3, THE MITAMA BEING THE WORD SHE PRONOUNCES IT DIFFERENTLY.

.....
AND JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
We're surrounded!
I WON'T LET YOU LAY A FINGER ON PUNI-PUN!!
SHE'S A FOREIGNER?
SHE ISN'T SPEAKING JAPANESE...
IF YOU WERE HUNGRY, ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS ASK ME TO SHARE!!
DROP THAT WEAPON RIGHT NOW!!
Are you all right?

IF YOU REFUSE TO DROP YOUR WEAPON, THEN KURO HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO EXERCISE FORCE!!
THAT ATTITUDE... I SEE WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK THIS OVER LIKE CIVILIZED PEOPLE!!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FATE.61 Utter defeat x Unconsciousness

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THAT ATTITUDE... I SEE THERE'S NO TALKING THIS OVER LIKE CIVILIZED PEOPLE!!
HEY, WAIT! THIS WOMAN IS A FOREIGNER!
KOREAN? THAT SUIT SHE'S SPEAKING KOREAN!
DRAMA ADDICT
HOW DARE YOU TRY TO HURT
HOW DARE YOU...
SWEET LITTLE PUNIPUNI!!!

EH..?
KURO'S PUNCH WAS SO SOFT?
YOU'RE UNARMED!
I WON'T USE MY WEAPON
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KURO WILL USE HER UPPER CUT!
THIS NEXT ONE WILL DEFINITELY LAND ON YOUR CHEST
TRY THIS
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CAN SHE READ KURO'S MOVE-MENTS...!?
KURO CAN'T LAND A SINGLE PUNCH!
WHA...!?
KUH..!
KURO-CHAN...?
WERE THOSE TOO EASY FOR YOU!?
EVERY PUNCH IN "THIS" COMBINA-TION!
WELL, LET'S SEE YOU DODGE

KURO-CHAN!!
NONE OF THEM HIT HER!!
NO WAY
BUT NOW I SEE YOU'RE NO STRONGER THAN AN INFANT.
YOU WERE SO QUICK TO PICK A FIGHT, I ASSUMED YOU WERE A SKILLED FIGHTER.
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POOR LITTLE CHILD...
IT'LL TAKE YOU A CENTURY BEFORE YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT ME!

OR WOULD YOU RATHER BE COVERED IN BRUISES?
IF YOU ADMIT YOUR DEFEAT AND HAND THAT WEASEL OVER, I PROMISE TO FORGIVE YOU.
WHO IS THIS PERSON...?!
SHE'S ABSOLUTELY TERRIFYING...!
HM...!?
I HAVE TO STOP THEM!
PLEASE, WAIT!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

I'M ABOUT TO DIE OF STARVATION! HURRY AND HAND THE WEASEL OVER!
W-WAIT A MINUTE! THIS WAS ALL ABOUT AN EMPTY STOMACH?
I'LL FEED YOU DINNER, SO PLEASE CALM DOWN!!
WOOF WOOF!!

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THERE'S PLENTY MORE FOOD IF YOU WANT IT.
UM.. PLEASE, TAKE YOUR TIME……
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Y-YOU WANT MORE, I'M GUESSING..
SECONDS!!
I don't need to see Keita's underpants that
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KURO-CHAN! DON'T JINX US!
BUT WHAT IF KEITA-SAN WERE TO COME HOME RIGHT NOW ..?
AKANE-SAN! WHY DID WE HAVE TO BRING HER HOME?
BECAUSE IF I DIDN'T FEED HER, THINGS WERE SURE TO GET BLOODY

AND WHY HAVE YOU COME TO THIS CITY?
WHICH TRIBE DO YOU BELONG TO?
AS A FELLOW MOTOTSU-MITAMA, ALLOW KURO TO START BY ASKING

I PREFER MY FOOD A BIT SPICIER, BUT THIS IS STILL DELICIOUS!
waaah
KURO HAS NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S SAYING!

GRAB MY HAND.

I AM THE SANSHINRYON WHO GUARDS KOREA'S SACRED MT. CHIRI
CERTAIN BUSINESS HAS BROUGHT ME TO JAPAN, BUT ALONG THE WAY SOMEONE STOLE MY LUGGAGE AND I WAS FORCED TO SURVIVE IN THE WOODS.
I AM USING HARMONIC RESONANCE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR MIND
T-THERE'S A VOICE IN KURO'S HEAD!!
THIS WAY, WE CAN COMMUNICATE IN SPITE OF OUR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.
HOLD IT PROPERLY!
MY NAME IS NAM

YOU'RE NOT MOTOTSUMI-TAMA...?
SANSHIN-RYON...!?
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KURO HAS SOMETHING SHE MUST SAY!
UM, THERE'S NO WAY A WEASEL WOULD BE LIVING IN THE MIDDLE OF A CITY LIKE THIS...
M-MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES! I WAS CONVINCED IT WAS A WILD WEASEL!
PET DOG!?
YOU MAY HAVE BEEN STARVING, BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S CROSSING THE LINE TO EAT SOMEONE ELSE'S PET DOG?
R-really?

I SEE...
SO THAT'S YOUR SITUATION.
WHICH TV STATION ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
IF I KNEW THAT, I WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS!
THE REASON YOU'RE IN JAPAN IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO APPEAR IN A TELEVISION PROGRAM.
BUT YOUR LUGGAGE WAS STOLEN, SO YOU LOST YOUR MONEY AND DIRECTIONS.
AS A SANSHINRYON, I CAN'T RELY ON THE FOREIGN EMBASSY.
I should take the country in the first place.
BEST TO GET RID OF HER BEFORE SHE CAUSES MORE TROUBLE.
WHAT GOOD FORTUNE! I'D BEST MILK THIS FOR ALL IT'S WORTH!

I MUST SAY, I'M IMPRESSED!
YOU! HAVEN'T EVEN LIVED A CENTURY, AND YET YOU'VE MANAGED TO PROCURE SUCH A LAVISH HOME
EH ..?
PUTTING THAT ASIDE,
MY DREAM IS TO REBUILD THE MOUNTAIN SHRINES
AS A COLLEAGUE, I'M SURE YOU SHARE MY SENTIMENTS?
C-CO-LLEAGUE ..?
THAT WOMAN WHO COOKED MY DINNER IS YOUR SERVANT, YES?
N-NOT EXACTLY .. SHE'S MORE LIKE A FRIEND...
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HOU . A FRIEND? WOW, SO YOU GET ALONG WELL WITH HUMANS!
SAY, CO-LLEAGUE!
WHAT?
FOR ME TO MEET A TRIBE MEMBER WITH SUCH WISDOM IN THIS BACKWARDS COUNTRY... WHY, THIS MUST BE AN ACT OF FATE!

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YOU'RE THE SPITTING IMAGE OF WHAT ALL SHINRYON STRIVE TO BE!
U-UH, THANKS, BUT KURO ISN'T REALLY
HOW RUDE OF ME EARLIER, CALLING YOU AN INFANT! NO, YOU'RE A FAR MORE REMARKABLE CHARACTER THAN I AM!
SURELY THERE WERE COUNTLESS UNTOLD CHALLENGES YOU'VE HAD TO FACE ALONG THE WAY?
PLEASE, GRANT ME THE HONOR OF HEARING YOUR SECRET TO SUCCESS!
W-WELL... YEAH. .
OH, MY! YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU'VE GONE FROM PAUPER TO PRINCESS? I HAD NO IDEA!
BEFORE KURO FOUND THIS PLACE, SHE LIVED THE LIFE OF A HOMELESS PERSON
NAH KURO JUST HAD REALLY GOOD LUCK, THAT'S ALL
SUCH MODESTY! WHY, I'M BECOMING FILLED WITH MORE AND MORE AWE! PLEASE, TELL ME MORE!
AHA! I KNEW IT! GO ON, TELL ME EVERYTHING!
TO BE HONEST, KURO'S LIFE HAS DEFINITELY BEEN A ROUGH ONE!
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PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
...SO, BY MERIT OF YOUR VERY GENEROUS MASTER HERE,
I'LL BE STAYING HERE FOR A WHILE! MY NAME IS NAM.
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THIS IS NAM-SAN, A FRIEND I JUST MADE TODAY...
WHAT?!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHO IS SHE!?
KURO, WHAT LANGUAGE IS THAT?
UM.. WELL...
SHE'S A FOREIGN MOTOTSUMITAMA WHO JUST CAME TO JAPAN,
AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYONE AROUND HERE...
A MOTO-TSUMITAMA? HER...?
SO, UM... KURO WAS THINKING... IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, KEITA-SAN, SHE COULD STAY HERE FOR A SHORT WHILE...

O-OH, AND GUESS WHAT? IT SEEMS NAM-SAN BELONGS TO A KOREAN TRIBE CALLED "SANSHINRYON"!
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THIS COULD BE YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN KOREAN! THINK OF IT AS AN EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR A CULTURAL EXCHANGE, RIGHT WITHIN YOUR VERY HOME!
HEY, KURO...
Y-YES, KEITA-SAN?
WHOSE HOUSE DO YOU THINK THIS IS!?
YOU THINK A FREELOADER HAS ANY RIGHT TO DRAG ANOTHER FRIEND HERE!?
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SHUT UP! GET HER OUT OF HERE THIS MINUTE!
AAAAAAH!! FORGIVE ME, KEITA-SAN!
O-OKAY! KURO WILL MAKE HER LEAVE RIGHT AWAY!
KURO WAS ASKING BECAUSE SHE REMEMBERS WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE HOMELESS!
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YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, LIFTING A FINGER AGAINST YOUR SHINRYON MASTER!
KNOW YOUR LIMITS, LOWLY HUMAN!
ALLOW ME
TO TEACH YOU SOME PROPER RESPECT!

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FILTHY APE?
HAVE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON,
DIVINE RETRIBUTION!!
THESE KINDS OF PEOPLE NEED STRICT DISCIPLINE! YOU CAN LEAVE THAT TO ME, COLLEAGUE!
WHY, YOU...!!
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STAY WITH ME, KEITA-KUN! HEY!
THIS HOUSE BELONGS TO THE HUMAN?
KURO-CHAN! HIS EYES ARE GOING COLD!
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DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'VE DONE!? THAT WAS THE OWNER OF THIS HOUSE!!
IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S THE MASTER AROUND HERE!
EHH!?

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NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT! LOOK AT THIS MESS YOU CAUSED!!
KURO-CHAN, HELP! YOU HAVE TO SAVE KEITA-KUN!
SOOO... WHICH ROOM CAN I SLEEP IN TONIGHT?

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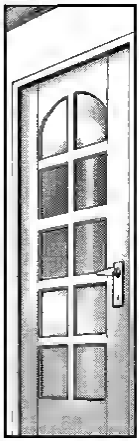

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AH...!
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GOOD MORNING, KEITA-SAN!
KURO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE KITCHEN?
HELPING NAM-SAN MAKE BREAKFAST!
NAM? WAIT, WHY IS SHE STILL--
NOW, NOW, WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS LATER; THE FOOD'S ALMOST READY!
TA-DAH!
THANKS FOR WAITING!

SHE SAID IT'S KOREAN HOME COOKING! DOESN'T IT LOOK DELICIOUS?
NAM-SAN IS THE REAL CHEF!
being able to do this is a given
when you've lived as long as I have
A-ACTUALLY, KURO ONLY HELPED BY PUTTING OUT THE SILVER-WARE...
WOA... YOU GUYS MADE ALL THIS?
MN!?
...BUT DON'T GO THINKING THIS SOMEHOW MAKES UP FOR YESTERDAY! YOU KNOCKED ME OUT COLD!
HOW IS IT, KEITA-SAN?
DELICIOUS...
ALL RIGHT!

OH, THAT'S YOUR SITUATION...
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN ROUGH, GETTING YOUR BAGS STOLEN RIGHT AFTER ARRIVING FROM KOREA.
BUT PLEASE LEAVE MY HOUSE BY THE END OF THE DAY.
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SURE, I FEEL BAD FOR HER, BUT I CAN'T GET HER BAGS BACK.
I'M SORRY, BUT PLEASE GET OUT OF MY HOUSE BY TODAY.
TELL HER THAT FOR ME, KURO.
...IS WHAT HE SAID.
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EHHHH? ...THAT'S... KIND OF HARD...
COME ON, SUGGEST TO HIM THAT IT'S ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS; IT'S NOT PERMANENT!
YOU CAN'T PERSUADE ONE MERE HUMAN AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A SHINRYON?

I'VE GOT TO GO TO WORK, SO YOU MAKE SURE THIS WOMAN IS GONE BY THE TIME I'M BACK!
IF SHE ISN'T, CONSIDER YOURSELF HOMELESS TOO!
UM.. HOW ABOUT JUST A FEW--
NO!!
SO? DID HE SAY YES?
U-UHHH....
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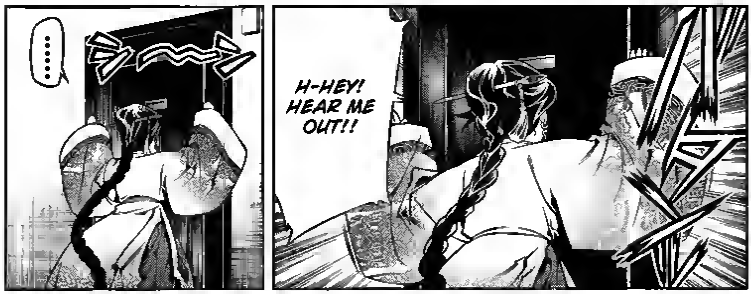
AS A FELLOW MOTOTSUMI-TAMA, KURO TRULY FEELS YOUR PAIN
(↑speaking in monotone)
BUT SINCE KEITA-SAN IS THE OWNER OF THIS HOUSE, HIS WORD IS LAW.
TAKE CARE!


H-HEY! HEAR ME OUT!!
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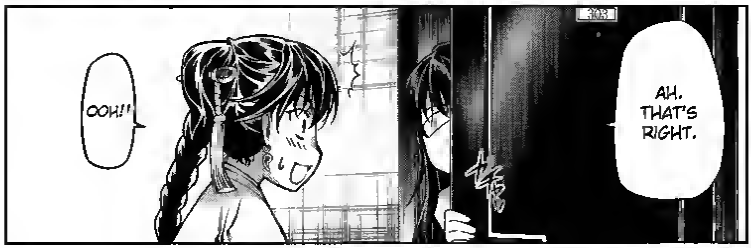
AH. THAT'S RIGHT.
OOH!!

YOU FORGOT THIS.

OKAY
IT'S DECIDED
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT'S A GREAT IDEA
BUT I'LL DEFINITELY GO TONIGHT
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WHY'S THERE A CROWD?
OH MY GOSH!
WHAT IS SHE DOING??
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YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE!?
HELLO, MR IBUKI!
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WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?
MY NEW HOME. IT'S COLD.

YOU CAN SPEAK... JAPANESE?!
I UNDERSTAND OK. BUT SPEAKING... STILL HARD.
I FOUND THE BOOK, IN A TRASH!
NATIVE EXPRESSIONS
NO PLACE ELSE.
DOES IT HAVE TO BE IN FRONT OF MY APARTMENT!?
EH?
WHY'D YOU THROW HER OUTSIDE YOUR HOME? DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SYMPATHY!?
YOU KNOW HER, IBUKI-SAN?
BESIDES, SHE'S CAUSING TROUBLE FOR THE REST OF US! DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, WOULD YOU!?
IS THAT ANY WAY TO TREAT A FOREIGNER WHO CAN'T EVEN SPEAK JAPANESE WELL?

...HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU CONVINCE KEITA-SAN?
IT WAS ALL LUCK!

KEITA-SAN IS KURO'S CONTRACTED PARTNER.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL WE LIVE TOGETHER!
AT YOUR AGE, WHY LIVE WITH A HUMAN?
WHAT'S YOUR CONNECTION TO THAT HUMAN, ANYWAY?
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EHH!? YOU DON'T KNOW!?
CONTRACT? PARTNER? ...WHAT'S THAT?
AND BY SHARING TERA, IT ENABLES YOU TO INVOKE EVEN GREATER POWER!
IT'S WHERE YOU EXCHANGE A BODY PART SO THAT YOUR TWO FATES BECOME ONE
IF WE HAD SYNCHRO, THEN KURO WOULD BE AS STRONG AS YOU ARE!
THAT'S BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SYNCHED!
OKAY, BUT HE'S A TOTAL WEAKLING.

SYNCHRO, HUH... I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT.
YOU CAN'T PRODUCE REAL STRENGTH UNLESS YOUR TERA BECOMES ONE?
THAT'S ILLOGICAL, AND A MAJOR INCONVENIENCE IN MY OPINION
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
IS THAT WHAT ALL YOU SHINRYON DO HERE IN JAPAN?
YOU MEAN YOUR PEOPLE DON'T EXCHANGE CONTRACTS AT ALL?
THERE'S NO NEED TO... OR SHOULD I SAY, THAT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US, ANYWAY.
REALLY!? YOU DON'T MAKE CONTRACTS!?
WE SAN-SHINRYON ARE NOT THE SAME TYPE OF EXISTENCE AS YOU
THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE CONTRACTS IS PRACTICALLY EVIDENCE THAT YOUR PEOPLE ARE INCOMPLETE.

DOES THAT MEAN THERE'S SOME FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US ?
WELL, THIS LADY'S STRENGTH IS CERTAINLY OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

YOU'RE THE STRANGE ONES!
OH, NOT AT ALL!
SOMETHING'S WEIRD ABOUT YOU KOREAN MOTOTSU MITAMAS
STRANGE...

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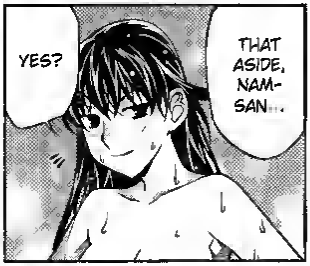
YOUR CHEST IS EXCESSIVELY LARGE, ISN'T IT?
PACKED WITH SO MUCH EXCESSIVE FAT,
YOU MUST BE THE ONE WITH MAJOR INCONVENIENCES.


YES?
THAT ASIDE, NAM-SAN...

YOU'RE NOT ONLY AN INFANT IN BODY, BUT IN MIND TOO, I SEE.
LARGE BREASTS COME WITH ALL SORTS OF ADDITIONAL PERKS.
YOU'RE LYING! KURO WON'T BE FOOLED!
VERY WELL~ I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION LATER, HEHE
I'VE GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS ON MY PLATE RIGHT NOW
TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT CONNIVING WOMAN... I'M GETTING HER OUT!

AAAH~ I FEEL GREAT!
I HAVEN'T HAD A BATH IN SO LONG THAT I'D FORGOTTEN THIS ECSTASY.
HAVE YOU NO SHAME!? THIS AIN'T YOUR HOUSE!
GET SOME CLOTHES ON THIS INSTANT!
YOU REALLY HAVE NO MORALS, DO YOU!?
CLOTHES?
THEY'RE BEING WASHED, SO I'M STUCK.

K-K-KURO! AT LEAST PUT YOURS ON, NOW!
ROGER!!
I WANT SOME ~
Y-YEAH, SO?
IS THAT A DRINK?
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IT'S THE FINEST!
WOW! THE TASTE OF FULL-BODIED JAPANESE BEER!
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DON'T HOG THE STUFF! SHOW SOME HOSPITALITY!
EH? THIS LATE?
LISTEN, WE'RE LEAVING, SO GET YOURSELF READY.
HEY! GOT ANY MORE!?

EH!? THERE'S A VOICE INSIDE MY HEAD!?
WHAT IS THIS?!
I'VE GOT A TINY FAVOR TO ASK... COULD I STICK AROUND FOR JUST A WEEK?
I PROMISE, ONE TINY WEEK. THAT'S ALL!

SAY, YOU'RE NAME'S IBUKI KEITA, RIGHT?
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SOMETHING CALLED HARMONIC RESONANCE. IT'S A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUE.

NATURALLY, I'M NOT ASKING TO STAY FOR FREE...
I'VE GOT JUST THE THING TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU, TOO.
L-LIKE WHAT?
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LIKE THIS!

mmm! feels great. right? like paradise?
GW--VA--SHTOP--IPH--!
EH?? EH??
pretty please~ just a week! ♡
I'M LEAVING NOW! KURO! MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!
EH!? KEITA-SAN!?
UWAAH!! UNBELIEV-ABLE! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS WOMAN!?
WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO PULL, SHOVING YOUR BOOBS IN MY FACE!?
.....!?
DID YOU SEE THAT?
"THAT'S" THE KIND OF TIME TO USE THESE THINGS!
THIS PERSON IS EXTREMELY DANGER-OUS!!

I AM SICK OF THAT WOMAN!
ARE ALL SANSHIN-RYON LIKE THAT!?
KEITA-SAN!
OH.
SO WHAT HAPPENED WITH NAM?
WELL...
SHE FELL FAST ASLEEP..
SNORING WITH NOTHING BUT A BATH TOWEL ON
.....
MORE IM-PORTANTLY, WHERE ARE WE GOING?
AH.

YOU SURE THIS IS OKAY?
DROPPING BY MIKAMI-SAN'S HOUSE UNANNOUNCED IS A BIT...
IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE A CHOICE. WE DON'T KNOW HER NUMBER.
WELL, THAT'S TRUE...
AND BESIDES, IF THERE'S ANYTHING I LEARNED FROM OKINAWA,
IT'S THAT INSTEAD OF SITTING AROUND WORRYING,
YOU'VE GOTTA KEEP PUSHING ON, WHETHER YOU GET ANYWHERE OR NOT.

YO! OVER HERE!
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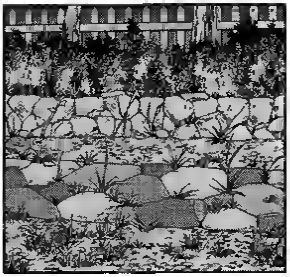
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S LIKE THE HOUSE IS ABAN-DONED...



MIGHT YOU GUYS BE
MIKAMI HOUJOU'S FRIENDS?
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THESE PEOPLE ARE... TRIBAL ENDS!
MIGHT YOU GUYS BE
THAT'S OUR LINE! WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE ...?
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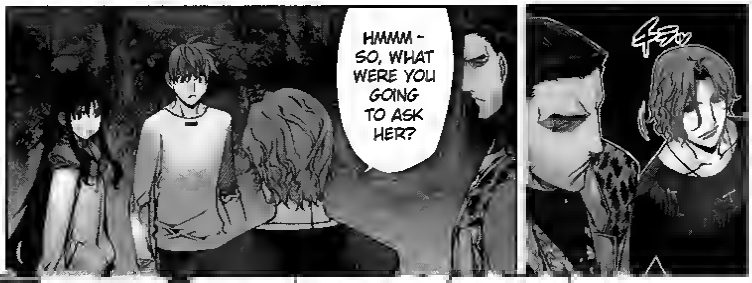
MIKAMI HOUJOU'S FRIENDS?
UH... IT SEEMS MIKAMI-SAN ISN'T HERE RIGHT NOW.

RUMOR SAYS SHE'S A PRIVATE TROUBLE-SHOOTER, SO WE WANTED TO PAY HER A VISIT.
BUT IF SHE'S NOT HOME, THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN DO, HUH? HA HA...


HMMM - SO, WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO ASK HER?
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WE'RE ACTUALLY IN THE SAME LINE OF WORK AS MIKAMI-SAN, YOU SEE.
OH, IF THAT'S ALL YOU NEED, WE COULD BE OF SERVICE.
WELL, THIS HERE MOTOTSU-MITAMA HAS A BROTHER SHE'S LOOK ING FOR...
AH ....

I HAD HEARD SHE'S TRYING TO GAIN A REPUTATION THESE DAYS, MUCH LIKE YOU MENTIONED.
AH .. I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT...
BUT IF YOU ASK US, SHE'S STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO.
SAY, YOUNG LADY.
WHICH TRIBE WERE YOU FROM, AGAIN?
W-WELL, WE DON'T EXACTLY HAVE A NAME. OUR ANCESTORS ARE KIND OF... LONG FORGOTTEN
YOU DON'T SAY...
WELL THEN, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH US.
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HUH!?

TOKYO IS NOW ON THE VERGE OF WAR BETWEEN SEVERAL TRIBES.
SO OUR ORGANIZATION IS WORKING TO KEEP TABS ON ALL UNIDENTIFIED MOTO-TSUMITAMA AND PREVENT THE UNTHINKABLE.
AND WHAT ORGANIZATION IS THAT?
COME WITH US, AND YOU'LL FIND OUT.
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HANDS OFF!!

NOW, NOW.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS.
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KURO!
GUWAAA
AN ORDINARY HUMAN, AFTER ALL.

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SHUT UP AND FOLLOW, OR PREPARE TO GET HURT
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HEADS UP!!

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BITCH ...!
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EXCEED
Flash Cannon
WHA !?

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NOW, KEITA-SAN!
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!
EHH!?
COFFEE
THOSE TWO... WERE SHISHIGAMI TRIBAL ENDS...
I KNEW IT!
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL!
TRYING TO ALL OF A SUDDEN... WERE OUT OF THEIR MINDS?
IF THE SHISHIGAMI ARE LOITERING AROUND HER HOUSE,
THEN WE WON'T BE SEEING MIKAMI-SAN ANY TIME SOON.
IT LOOKS THAT WAY.

BEFORE, MIKAMI-SAN'S MISSION WAS TO KIDNAP AKANE-SAN.
WE WERE NEVER ABLE TO GET HER TO SAY WHO REQUESTED THAT OF HER, BUT...
I BET THAT'S AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THEIR MAIN OFFICE BUILDING.
THERE'S SOMETHING THOSE TWO MENTIONED THAT SOUNDED ODD--SOMETHING ABOUT KEEPING TABS ON UN-IDENTIFIED MO-TOTSUMITAMA.
THERE'S NO DOUBT IT WAS THE KAIONJI GROUP.
YEAH.
WITH WHAT JUST HAPPENED ...

MY GUT TELLS ME MIKAMI-SAN GOING MISSING ISN'T A COINCIDENCE EITHER.
YOU CAN BET THAT, LIKE IN OKINAWA, THEY'RE PROBABLY TRYING TO START SOMETHING CRAZY WITH THE SHISHIGAMI CLAN.
BUT NOW THAT WE'RE BACK, WHO KNOWS WHEN SHE'LL BE ATTACKED AGAIN?
WE PROBABLY KEPT HER OUT OF SIGHT WHEN SHE CAME TO OKINAWA WITH US,
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
THERE'S ONE BIG THING STILL BOTHERING KURO
WHY IS THE KAIONJI GROUP CONSTANTLY AFTER AKANE-SAN?
SHE COULD BE UNDER ATTACK RIGHT NOW!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS!?
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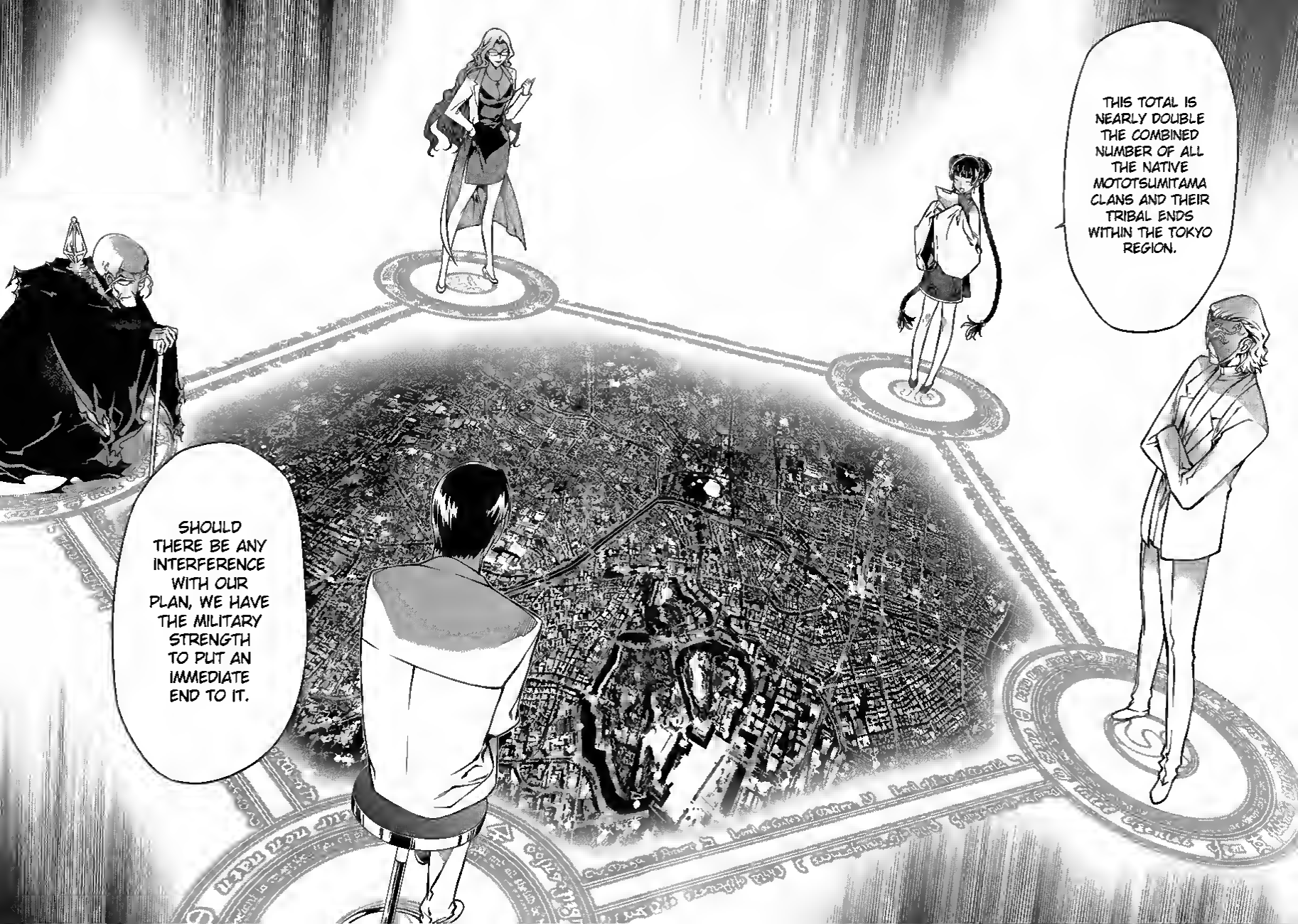
HURRY, HURRY!
I GUESS I CAN CALL, TO MAKE SURE...
IN ANY CASE, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE PLANNING WHAT TO DO.
AFTER ALL, WE DON'T HAVE OTHER ALLIES LIKE EXCEL-SAN TO COUNT ON!
THEN WE CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE FOR A MINUTE!

HERE IS THE REPORT
AT PRESENT, THE NUMBER OF CAPABLE TRIBAL ENDS UNDER THE DIRECT COMMAND OF THE KAIONJI GROUP
HAS RISEN TO APPROXI-MATELY 700 INDIVIDUALS.


THIS TOTAL IS NEARLY DOUBLE THE COMBINED NUMBER OF ALL THE NATIVE MOTOTSUMITAMA CLANS AND THEIR TRIBAL ENDS WITHIN THE TOKYO REGION.
SHOULD THERE BE ANY INTERFERENCE WITH OUR PLAN, WE HAVE THE MILITARY STRENGTH TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO IT.

THE PRODUCTION OF THE "ARTIFACT THOUSANDS" IS ALSO COMING ALONG WELL.
EACH OF OUR RESPECTIVE BATTALIONS IS READY FOR ACTION.
ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR YOU TO GIVE THE ORDER, REISHIN-SAMA.
THE ESTIMATES OF THE SPIRIT STONES' MAXIMUM ENERGY OUTPUT WILL BE COMPLETED MOMENTARILY. WE'RE EXTRAPOLATING THE DATA BASED ON POPULATION DENSITY EVEN AS WE SPEAK.

WHOOPS - SORRY ABOUT THAT.
SHION-CHAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CHURNING OUT TRIBAL ENDS LIKE THAT?
I'D SAY THE REAL PROBLEM IS YOUR PERFECTIONISM, KANNA.
EVEN THOUGH I'M PERFECTLY ON SCHEDULE, YOU'RE MAKING ME LOOK BEHIND! I HATE IT!
I HEARD YOU'RE *STILL* TRYNG TO MATCH THEIR PERFORMANCE TO THE ORIGINALS.
I'M A SCIENTIST, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT
WITH THE COEXISTENCE EQUILIBRIUM SOON COLLAPSING, WE HAVE LITTLE ROOM TO SPARE.
IT IS TIME TO ENACT THE SECOND STAGE OF "GI TIS EPANGELIAS."

FOR THE FUTURE OF THE NEW SHISHIGAMI CLAN...
AND THE RESTORATION OF TERA TO THE WAY IT WAS ALWAYS MEANT TO BE...!

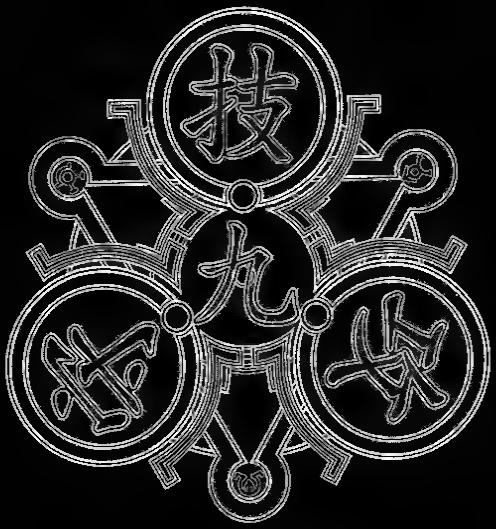
PARDON ME...

HELLO? IT'S ME.
YO, GENERAL!
!
THIS A GOOD TIME?
I HEARD AN INTERESTING REPORT FROM ONE O' MY BOYS AND THOUGHT I'D BETTER SHARE IT WITH YA.

WHAT IS IT?
SOMEONE DID TWO OF OUR TRIBAL ENDS IN.
REMEMBER SOME GINKO CLAN MOTOTSUMITAMA CALLED MIKAMI? WELL, TWO GUYS WERE STATIONED TO STAKE HER PLACE OUT.
THEN SOME GUY SHOWS UP OUTTA NOWHERE, MAKES QUICK WORK OF 'EM, AND HIGHTAILS IT!

WELL I'M WRACKIN' MY NOGGIN HERE, TOO.
MIKAMI AIN'T NO MATCH FOR AMATEURS, SO I SENT SOME O' MY BEST MEN FOR THE JOB.
IF THIS PERSON WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THEM, I'M SURE WE'VE ALREADY HAD THEM MARKED.
OUR SPECIALLY-TRAINED TRIBAL ENDS ARE FAR STRONGER THAN ANY UPPER RANK MOTOTSU-MITAMA.
ANYWAY, I'M GONNA GO TAKE CARE OF OUR LITTLE FRIEND SOON, SO THINK YOU COULD SPARE A FEW HELPING HANDS?
INTERESTING HOW EASILY THEY LOST, EH?
IT'S LIKE "ENTER THE DRAGON" OR SOME SHIT!
YEAH, I'M PLANNIN' ON IT.
IF THIS INDIVIDUAL IS AS STRONG AS YOU SAY, I WANT HIM.
MAKE SURE TO BRING HIM HERE.
S.O.
YOU'RE THE MAN, GENERAL!
SURE THING.

IF YOU DEEM IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING HIM BACK,
HOWEVER, IF NEITHER MONEY NOR BRUTE FORCE IS ENOUGH TO SUBDUE HIM, THE STORY CHANGES.
KILL HIM.
YOU SURE GET RIGHT TO THE CHASE!
WELL, THAT'S WHY YOU'RE MY FAVORITE GENERAL~ ♡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THE MOTO-TSUMITAMAS FINISHED THEIR LITTLE KUMBAYA SESSION, I TAKE IT.
ESTABLISHING A NEW WORLD ORDER UNDER THE KAIONJI GROUP AFTER THE WORLD'S TERA HAS BEEN PURIFIED... HUH.
DON'T WORRY, YUKI.
..BUT IS IT REALLY WORTH ACCEPTING ...?
SURE, IT'S AN ENTICING OFFER...

I SWEAR I'LL MAKE YOU INTO A ROOT.
IN DUE TIME, ALL THE TERA WILL BE YOURS.
THERE'S NO END TO YOUR SWEET TALK
EVEN THOUGH WE BOTH KNOW WHERE MY DOPPEL LINER IS.
SITTING BACK AND WATCHING, NOT EVEN TRYING TO ACT! THAT REISHIN...
PERHAPS I SHOULD RECONSIDER MY TRUST IN HIM...
DO YOU KNOW SANO AKANE'S PRESENT WHERE-ABOUTS?
YES, MA'AM. WE'VE HAD HER MARKED 24-7 SINCE THE OKINAWA INCIDENT.

SANO AKANE... AM I SO OBSESSED WITH YOU BECAUSE OF MY INSTINCTUAL DESIRE TO SURVIVE?
OR IS IT... OUT OF FEAR...?
HOW MANY TRIBAL ENDS DO I HAVE ON HAND?
WE HAVE 32 SECRETLY READY TO ACT ANYTIME.
HE'S ALREADY FAILED ME ONCE.
EVEN IF IT'S REISHIN, I CAN'T OVERLOOK HIS SELFISH CONDUCT ANY LONGER.
CARRY OUT THE PLAN TONIGHT.

I'LL DECIDE MY OWN FATE WITH MY OWN HANDS.
THAT'S HOW I'VE ALWAYS LIVED, AND THAT'S WHY I'M STILL STANDING HERE TODAY.
I'LL MAKE USE OF THE POLICE IF I HAVE TO.
I WANT THAT WOMAN BROUGHT BEFORE ME AT ALL COSTS!
COFFEE

EVERYTHING LOOKS SOOOO DELICIOUS!
WOOOOOOOW!
I GOT MY PAYCHECK, SO GO AHEAD AND ORDER WHATEVER YOU WANT.
HUH?
DON'T YOU WORRY, KEITA-SAN!
IF KURO ORDERS FROM THESE "SET" THINGIES, IT'LL BE EXPENSIVE, SO INSTEAD SHE'LL SEARCH FOR SOMETHING CHEAP OUT OF THE SINGLE ORDERS!
KURO IS MINDING HER MANNERS!
menu
Kuro is so touched by this display of kindness!
I SAID, GET WHAT YOU WANT!
IF YOU CAN'T PICK ONE, THEN NO MORE THAN THREE ITEMS!
……!!!
KEITA-SAN ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE HIS MIND WHEN THE FOOD COMES OUT AND SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "THE AROMA SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO FILL YOU UP"!? RIGHT!?
R-R-REALLY!? IS THIS A DREAM!?

I AT LEAST OWE YOU A GOOD MEAL TO SHOW FOR IT.
WE'VE MADE IT THROUGH QUITE A FEW CLOSE CALLS...
UP TO 3 ITEMS!
NO PRICE LIMIT!
TODAY'S KURO'S BIRTHDAY!
me.
WHOAAAAA!
HERE'S YOUR ORDER, MISS SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
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KURO'S DIGGING IN!!
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UM... KEITA-SAN...
K-KURO WAS THINKING... FROM NOW ON... UM...
MAYBE... MAYBE SHE COULD COOK... A LITTLE.
YOU MEAN SO YOU CAN FEED YOURSELF?
NO! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
IT'S JUST... KURO IS ALWAYS AT HOME, SO...
THE LEAST SHE COULD DO IS COOK FOR EVERY-ONE...
YOUR MOUTH IS A COMPLETE MESS.
VA...!

HAH, YOU CAN'T EVEN DO CHORES RIGHT, AND YOU WANNA COOK?
I'D PREFER YOU PASS ON THE THOUGHT ...
YOU'RE GONNA BURN THE PLACE DOWN!
.....
OKAY ...
ANYWAY!
BACK TO MIKAMI-SAN FOR THE MOMENT...
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE HIT A DEAD END.
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THE KAIONJI GROUP CAN'T FIND HER, LET ALONE US...
KURO THINKS SO TOO.
IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO GET MIKAMI-SAN'S ADVICE...
SAY, DID YOU TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH AKANE-SAN?
YEAH... SHE SAID SHE'S DOING OVERTIME AND'LL BE DONE BY 10.
I TOLD HER TO STOP BY ON HER WAY HOME.

THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME UNTIL THEN, SO EAT UP.
ROGER!!
WELCOME, GENTLE-MEN...
E-KEITA-SAN
THOSE ARE TRIBAL ENDS THAT JUST WALKED IN...!
WHAT!?

YOU KIDDING ME!? ARE THEY AFTER US?
NOT TOO SURE...
IF THEY FIND US, IT'LL PROBABLY TURN OUT LIKE LAST TIME, SO LET'S GET OUT OF HERE WHILE WE STILL CAN!
A-ALL RIGHT.
I'D NEVER HAVE EXPECTED *YOU* OF ALL PEOPLE TO SUGGEST LEAVING FOOD BEHIND...
DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE MEASURES!
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AH... EXCUSE ME.

WHAT'S THE RUSH,
LITTLE MISSY?
THIS MAN'S... A MOTOTSU-MITAMA!!

AH... IT'S MY FAULT!
WASN'T LOOKING WHERE I WAS HEADED ...
WE'RE PROBABLY IN YOUR WAY,
SO WE'LL MOVE ALONG NOW!
NOT SO FAST, MISSY.
!
I'VE GOT A LIL' QUESTION FOR YA...

I HEARD THAT THERE WAS SOME AMAZIN' MOTOTSUMITAMA AROUND THESE PARTS THAT ACTUALLY BEAT DOWN TWO OF MY MEN.
.....!?
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW ANYTHING 'BOUT IT, WOULD YA?
THA...
THAT'S TERRIBLE! THAT HAPPENED AROUND HERE??
A TINY PERSON LIKE ME WOULD NEVER HAVE STOOD A CHANCE, HUH?

I
WE'D BETTER GET HOME QUICK TO CATCH THE EVENING NEWS ABOUT IT!
HAHA! CHECK, PLEASE!

L-LET ME GO!!!
DOKI
KURO!
C'MON, DON'T BE SO UNFRIENDLY... I JUST WANNA HEAR YOUR STORY, Y'KNOW?
PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES ...

BUT I DON'T HAVE THE TIME!!

WHOA THERE...
I SAID I WANTED TO *HEAR* YOUR STORY...
.....!?
ROWDY LIL' MISSY!

KURO!!
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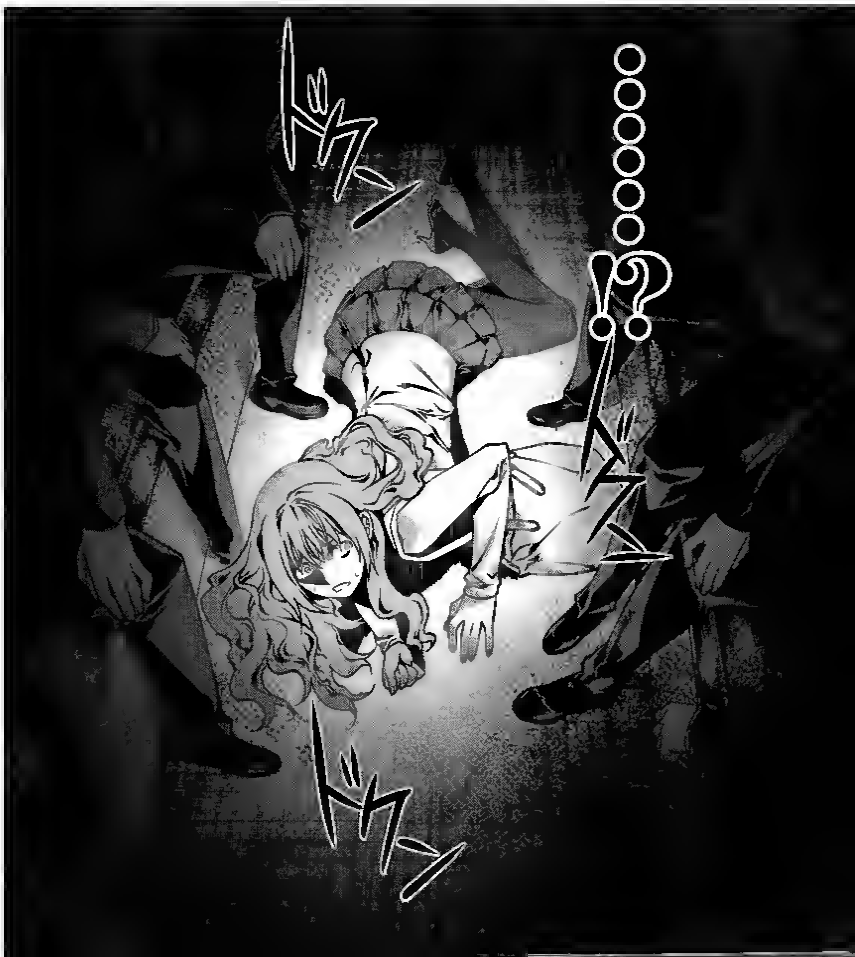
I GOT OFF WORK SOONER THAN EXPECTED.
HOW LUCKY! ♡
♪
I WONDER IF KEITA-KUN MADE IT HOME YET..
WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE EXPENSIVE CARS, ALL OF A SUDDEN..?

EH...??

YOU'RE AFTER...
ME!?
MMF!!

EEEEK!!
THIS IS NO. 1--TARGET SECURED.
NO. 0, AFFIRMATIVE!
RETURN TO HQ AND TAKE THE SHORTEST ROUTE POSSIBLE
COPY THAT!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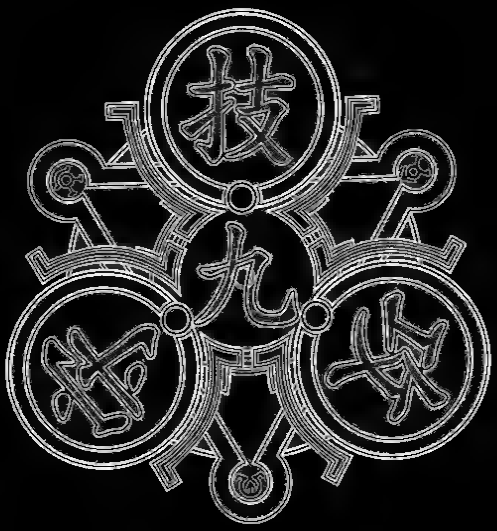
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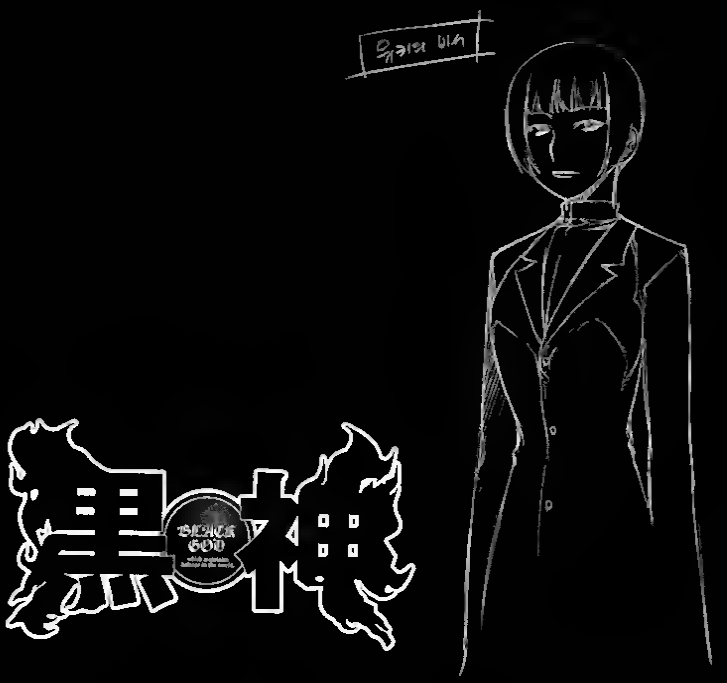
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THIS IS NO. 1— RETURN ROUTE SECURED
DE-PARTING NOW.
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THE WOMAN YOU GENTLEMEN JUST LOCKED AWAY
IS THE FRIEND OF MY FRIEND ...
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HER?
I DON'T THINK SHE WANTED TO DRIVE WITH YOU.

EXCEED
KOUGA
Steel
Fang
WOW.

NN...
I THOUGHT THERE WERE TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE,
...!!
BUT DECIDED TO ASK JUST IN CASE... AND I WAS RIGHT.
WITHOUT EVEN SAYING A WORD, ATTACKING HEAD ON...
I TAKE IT YOU PEOPLE ARE EVIL, YES?
LING...!?

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OPEN YOUR EARS AND LISTEN GOOD.

LET THE WOMAN GO...
AND GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!
!
NO. 1 HERE-- WE'VE RUN INTO INTER-FERENCE.
DISPOSE OF IT!

!
SHEESH.
NOW THE REST OF YOU ...
I GUESS THIS MEANS...
YOU'RE ALL WILLING TO PLAY ROUGH?

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SO IT WAS YOU...
THE ONE WHO BEAT THE CRAP OUTTA MY MEN.
KUH ...!!

WELL, I CAN SEE WHY THEY LET THEIR GUARD DOWN.
JUDGING BY YOUR LOOKS ALONE...
YOU'RE JUST A CUTE LIL' GIRL, Y'KNOW?
EMPTY THE PLACE FOR ME.
YES SIR.
YOU HEARD THE MAN! EVERYONE OUT!
NOW!! UNLESS YOU WANT TO DIE!?
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LISTEN, MISSY...
I'M ON ORDERS TO GATHER UP STRONG MOTOTSUMI-TAMA FOR OUR CAUSE.
I AIN'T LOOKIN' TO KILL YA...
IF YA AIN'T WILLIN' TO COME ALONG, IT'LL ONLY MAKE TROUBLE FOR ME.

DO YOU REALLY THINK
I'M GOING TO FOLLOW YOU LIKE A GOOD GIRL?
NOPE,
I SURE DON'T!

SO IF I REFUSE,
IT COMES DOWN TO THIS AFTER ALL...
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, THEN!
KEITA-SAN!
READY WHEN YOU ARE!

SYNCHRO!
!
HOU...!

QUITE AN IMPRESSIVE SYNCHRO YOU'VE GOT THERE...
I KNEW MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT!

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BE...!?!
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DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF!
LET THE WOMAN GO,
AND GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!!
NNGH!!
SOMETHING'S GOING ON OUTSIDE...??
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IT'S ONE WOMAN BY HERSELF!!!
HOW COULD EVERYONE HAVE LOST SO EASILY!?

UWAAAAAA DIEEEEEE!!
YOU PLAN ON RUNNING OVER YOUR COMPANIONS?
I DESPISE YOU PEOPLE ...

WHA
...!?!

WHAT WAS THAT!?
……!?
EEK!!
……!!
SOMETHING'S WRONG! EVERYONE OUT!
ROGER!!
YOU TOO!!
AH...!

WHAT IN THE...
!!
TH-THE TRUCK!!
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN!?
HEY! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?

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I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!!
GO TO SLEEP, AND STAY QUIET!!
……!?

ARE YOU HURT?
AKANE-SAN... WAS YOUR NAME, YES?
Y-YES!
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YOU HAD NOTHING MORE THAN A CUCUMBER IN THE REFRIGERATOR..
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN EAT?
I'll just save you after all
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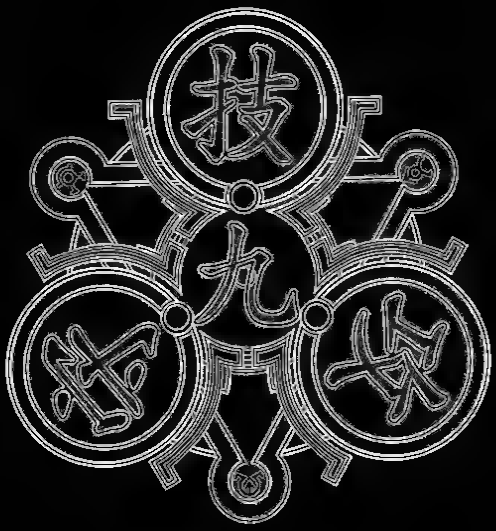
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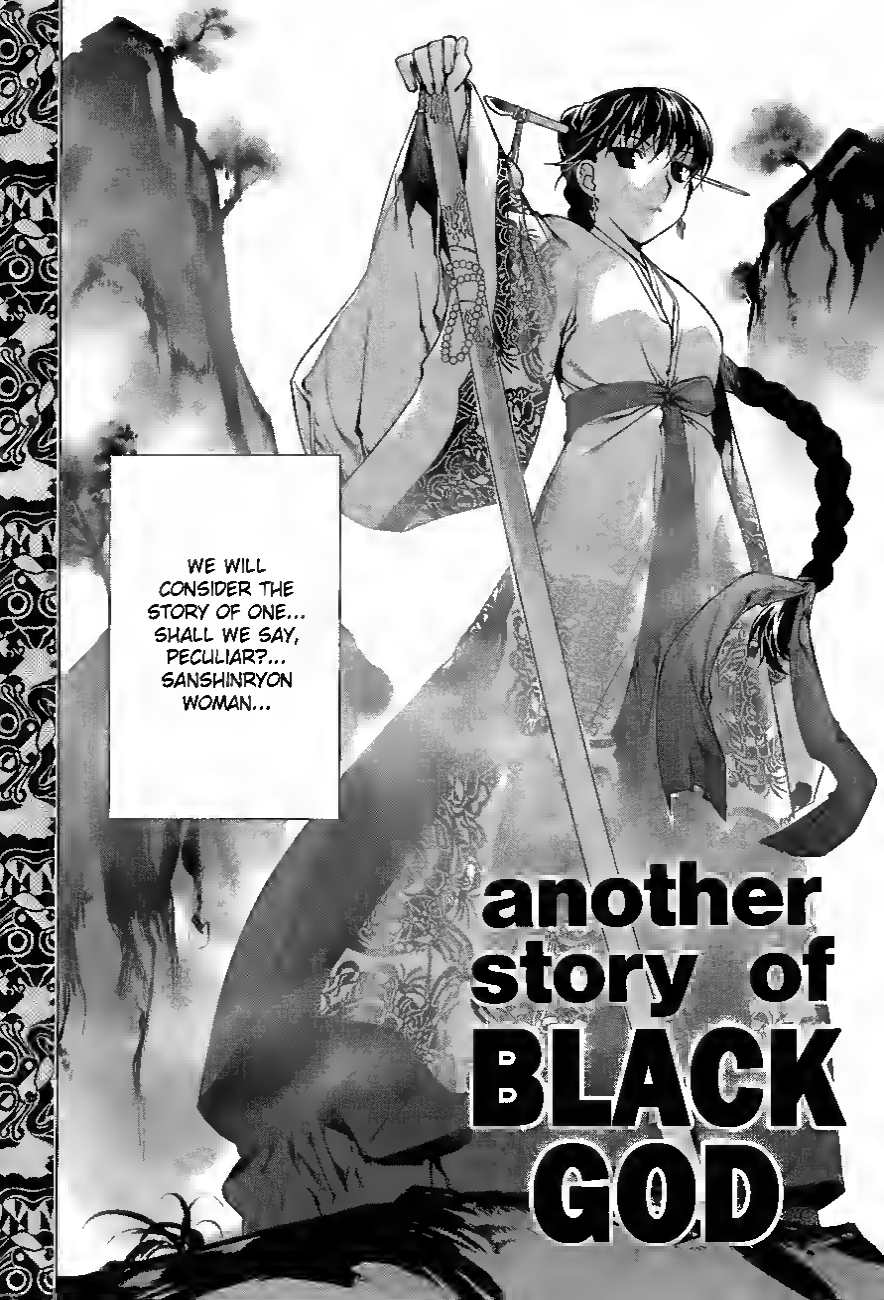
A LONG, LONG TIME AGO... A TIME EVEN EARLIER THAN WHEN PEOPLE CALLED THE KOREAN PENINSULA "KOUKURI"... YES, BEFORE THE TIME WHEN PEOPLE EVEN CONSIDERED IT A SEPARATE "NATION"...
IT IS SAID THAT A MYSTICAL GROUP OF PEOPLE CALLED THE "SHINRYON" EXISTED...
another story of BLACK GOD
THEY RESIDED WITH MOTHER NATURE... LIVING AS ONE WITH THE GREAT PLAINS, OCEANS, FORESTS, LAKES, AND WINDS...
BY UTILIZING THESE FORCES, IT WAS BELIEVED THEY PROTECTED OUR WORLD'S BALANCE. (RATHER THAN BEING CLOSE TO "GOD," THEY HELD THE NOTION OF AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING "GREAT SPIRIT.")
REVERED AS CLOSER TO THE HEAVENS THAN EVEN THE EMPEROR HIMSELF, THE SHINRYON WHO TOOK UP DWELLING IN THE MOUNTAINS (SAN) WERE ESPECIALLY CELEBRATED AND THOUGHT OF AS A RELIGIOUS SYMBOL BY ALL.
OUT OF ALL THE TALES OF THE "SANSHINRYON" THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL,


WE WILL CONSIDER THE STORY OF ONE... SHALL WE SAY, PECULIAR?... SANSHINRYON WOMAN...
another story of
BLACK GOD

-SEOUL-
PRIESTESS OF MT. CHIRI
NO, NO, NO! NOT A CHANCE!
THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL PASS!
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MIRACLES CAN'T HAPPEN FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE!
THE ODDS AREN'T EVEN ONE IN A MILLION!
.....
OH? AND ON WHAT BASIS CAN YOU BE SO SURE
THAT MY SON CAN'T GRADUATE COLLEGE!?
DO YOU SERIOUSLY EXPECT A KID TO GRADUATE WHEN ALL THE "STUDIES" ARE LEWD PICTURES?
!!
She knows!?
HOW DARE YOU SPEAK ABOUT MY SON LIKE THAT! YOU PHONY! CON ARTIST!
WHA...!
YOU'RE CALLING ME A FAKE!?
IF YOU DON'T TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY I WILL SUE YOU!

GIVE MY HUSBAND BACK TO ME!!
GIVE HIM BACK !!

YOU DEVIL!
WHERE'S THE PRIESTESS!?
?

YOU'RE THE REASON WHY HE GOT INTO THAT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT!!
YOU TOLD HIM HE'D DIE WITHIN A MONTH AND CURSED HIM, DIDN'T YOU!?

GRRRAH!! WHAT FUTURE!?
BRING MY HUSBAND BACK TO LIFE, MURDERER!
KHH *COUGH*
HAH... THAT'S... NO CURSE. YOUR HUSBAND... ASKED ME TO HONESTLY TELL HIM HIS FUTURE.

THIS IS NAM, A SANSHINRYON.
ORIGINALLY, SHE KEPT RESIDENCE IN THE FAMOUS, MYSTICAL MOUNT CHIRI... HOWEVER,
DECKED IN THE FACE
SHE RELOCATED TO THIS TOWN, MIARI, WHERE PRIESTESSES GATHER FROM ALL OVER. SHE MAKES A LIVING AS A FORTUNE-TELLER
YOUNG-STERS THESE DAYS DON'T HAVE FAITH LIKE THEY USED TO!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
IN AN EFFORT TO REBUILD ITS TEMPLE, WHICH HAS BECAME WORN DOWN OVER TIME,
AFTER ALL, THE PEOPLE OF MIARI...
HI THERE, NEIGH-BOR!
BUT NOT TO WORRY. NAM ISN'T LONELY!
TRYING TO BLEND INTO HUMAN SOCIETY IS IN PART NO SMALL TASK.
...COM-PLETELY IGNORE HER.
.....
.....

WELL, IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO THE EARFUL OTHER SANSHINRYON WILL GIVE ME IF I REVEAL I'M DOING THIS KIND OF WORK...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH GIVING ACCURATE, DETAILED FORTUNES!?
I ONLY TOLD SOMEONE WHO WAS GOING TO DIE THE TRUTH!
IN ORDER TO BUILD A DECENT SHRINE, I NEED ABOUT 80 MILLION WON, SO .
SO LET'S SEE...
THIS MONTH I MADE.. 30,000 WON, HUH?
THAT "IS" THE PROBLEM ...
※ 10,000 WON = ABOUT 1200 YEN (AS OF NOV 2007)
22 YEARS IN THE LIFESPAN OF US SHINRYON IS LIKE THE BLINK OF AN EYE IN HUMAN TERMS.
THIS IS CHILD'S PLAY!
AS LONG AS I KEEP MAKING 30K A MONTH, IT'LL TAKE A MERE 22 YEARS!
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HAVE YOU NO HEART!? PLEASE, LET ME HAVE HALF OF THE RENT BACK!
LAND-LORD
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GOOD THING I HID 50,000 WON! ♡
AT THIS RATE, ONLY 120 MORE YEARS!!
G...GOOD LUCK, NAM..
NAM-SAN!
?

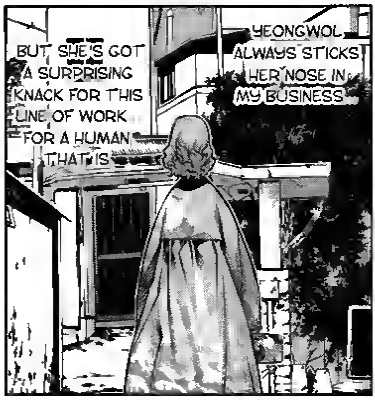
OH, YEONG-WOL!
HOW'S BUSINESS?
HAH, HAH! I MADE 50K THIS MONTH!
50 THOUSAND WON..?
THAT'S NOT EVEN ENOUGH TO BUY FOOD...
OOPS, I ALMOST GAVE MYSELF AWAY...!!
?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL CUSTOMERS WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR? THEY'LL BE HAPPIER, AND MIGHT EVEN PAY YOU EXTRA!
TH-THAT'S FRAUD!! BESIDES, I TAKE PRIDE IN BEING A SANSHIN--
SPEAKING OF WHICH, HAVE YOU EATEN YET?
IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SOME OF THIS?

※1 : YAKSIK: A TYPE OF KOREAN RICE CAKE, CONSISTING OF A MIX OF PINE NUTS, WALNUTS, DATES, AND THE LIKE.

TONIGHT I HAPPEN TO HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT CUSTOMER.
※2
IT'S A FADUGU,* YOU SEE, AND IT'S BEING HELD RIGHT BEHIND MY PLACE. WOULD YOU MIND HELPING ME BY RECITING THE SUTRAS?

※2 : AN EXORCISM RITUAL PASSED DOWN FROM THE KOREAN PROVINCE OF GANGWON-DO.

IF I AGREE TO HELP, I'LL GET A CUT, YES?
OF COURSE.
LET ME WARN YOU, MY SUTRAS DON'T COME CHEAP!
HOW MUCH ARE THEY?
20 THOUSAND WON!! (ABOUT 2400 YEN)
I'LL PAY YOU 100 THOUSAND.
100 thousand!? That's, how many 10 thousand mills..?
THIS CUSTOMER HAPPENS TO BE A VERY GENEROUS ONE AND WAS KIND ENOUGH TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN MY SERVICES.
SINCE I MUST GET READY, I'LL GO ON AHEAD.


BUT, SHE'S GOT A SURPRISING KNACK FOR THIS LINE OF WORK FOR A HUMAN THAT IS
YEONGWOL ALWAYS STICKS HER NOSE IN MY BUSINESS

NO, IT WAS A KIND DEED ON BEHALF OF A GOOD-NATURED PERSON
Lucky!
kul kul kul
HEHE, I GOT A SWEAT DEAL WRANGLING 100K OFF HER !

SEE YOU TONIGHT, THEN!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

FOUL SPIRITS, BEGONE!
THOU MUST MAKE AN ACCOUNTING BEFORE THE LORD OF THIS LAND, SHINRYON-SAMA!
LORD SHINRYON-SAMA HAS LAID CLAIM TO THIS EASTERN LAND, O DEMONS!
FOUL SPIRITS FROM THE NORTH, SOUTH, AND WEST, HEED MY CRY AND BEGONE!

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SHINRYON-
SAMA SHOULD
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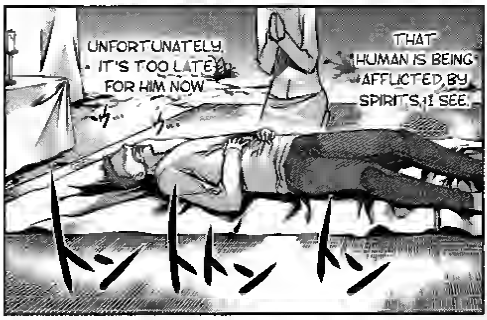
UNFORTUNATELY,
IT'S TOO LATE
FOR HIM NOW
THAT
HUMAN IS BEING
AFFLICTED BY
SPIRITS, I SEE.
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FOUL SPIRITS, BEGONE!!
BEGONE!
YEON-WOOK! STAY WITH ME!!
NG... GHAA ....
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IT CAN'T BE...!
.....!?
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KNOW YOUR PLACE, VILE WOMAN ...
YOU'RE COMMANDING ME TO GET OUT?
GWAHAH... THIS BODY
IS MINE. AND I'M GIVING IT TO NO ONE!
WHAT... IS THIS IMMENSE EVIL...!?
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I'M GIVING IT...
TO NO ONE!!
KYAAA!
AH. .
AAAH!
UWAH!
EEEK!

※UTSUSHIMI - WHEN AN EVIL SPIRIT IS STRONG ENOUGH TO CONTROL THE HOST'S BODY AT WILL

Y-YEON-WOOK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
STOP IT RIGHT NOW! YEON-WOOK!
VNG .. HE... HELP...!

GRR...!
EEK!
NOT ONLY HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ONE OF THE DEPARTED, DEGENERATING INTO AN EVIL SPIRIT,
BUT YOU'VE EVEN THRUST OUT YOUR HAND AGAINST A SERVANT OF SHINRYON... HAVE YOU NO INKLING OF THE WEIGHT OF YOUR SINS?

IN THE NAME OF MY CALLING... I SHALL PURIFY YOU!
I WON'T LET YOU GRAA- AAA!
NAM- SAN!?
NA-
I... NGH... WON'T...

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T/N - KANJI MEAN SOMETHING LIKE "SPIRIT BEADS DISPERSE"
THOUSAND

Y-YEON-WOOK!
YOUR TWISTED LONGING TO REMAIN BROUGHT OUT EVIL, CHANGING YOU INTO A VENGEFUL SPIRIT.
AMAZING!
NAM-SAN...
I'VE SEVERED YOUR ATTACHMENT TO THE MATERIAL WORLD, THE SOURCE OF YOUR SUFFERING
MAY YOU GO IN PEACE TO THE NEXT LIFE...

A FEW DAYS LATER
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I'M TELLING YOU, NO!
BESIDES, IT WASN'T A MAGIC TRICK--IT'S CALLED A "THOUSAND"!

WHATEVER IT'S CALLED, THAT SWORD OF YOURS IS GOING TO SUCH WASTE, NOT BEING USED ON A REGULAR BASIS!
IT'S NOT MADE TO PUT ON A SHOW!
EVEN IF IT MEANT A MILLION WON?
!

AND THEN, IT SEEMS THAT SOME JAPANESE PRODUCERS HEARD ABOUT IT TOO,
AND THEY WERE ASKING IF THEY COULD GET THAT PERSON TO COME TO JAPAN TO APPEAR ON TELEVISION, EVEN OFFERING ONE MILLION WON!
THE FATHER OF THAT CUSTOMER OF MINE HAPPENS TO BE IN THE TV INDUSTRY.
HE SAID HE WANTS TO INTRODUCE THE MIRACLE WORKER WHO CURED HIS SON TO THE NATION!

.. ALL MY MONEY PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED ..

MY THINGS ARE ALREADY PACKED!!
WHICH WAY TO JAPAN!?
I'm leaving now!
U-UM, I THINK IT'S STILL JUST AN IDEA IN THE PLANNING STAGES...

I'M SURE YOU READERS ALREADY KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY...
That's the way? Japan, I come!
AS FOR ALL THE TROUBLE THIS PECULIAR SANSHIN-RYON CAUSED IN JAPAN,
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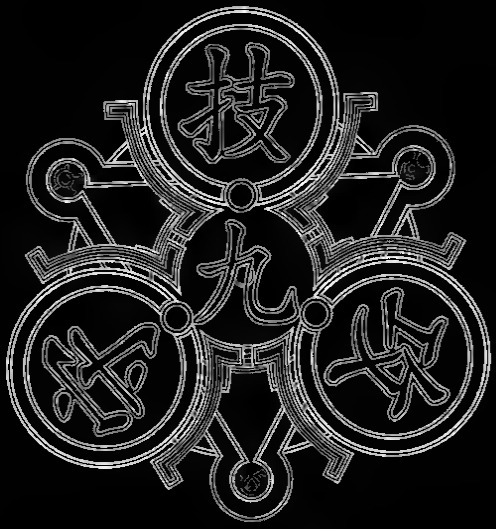
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Bonus Track
PRINCESS KURO
What about me, Your Highness?
What part of her is a princess? She's a brigain glutton.

YE~AH!
SHALL WE TAKE A BATH TOGETHER, KURO?
OH MY!
HAVEN'T YOU TAKEN A BATH AT ALL??
SIGH
NOW THAT AKANE-SAN MENTIONS IT, IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
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THAT'S TERRIBLE! LISTEN TO ME, A WOMAN NEEDS TO TAKE PERFECT CARE OF HER SKIN!
OH RIGHT... AND I'M STILL SUPPOSED TO TEACH HER HOW TO COOK...!?
WELL... KURO HAS NEVER TAKEN A BATH WITHOUT AN ATTENDANT, SO... YEAH
AH! BUT AKANE-SAN, YOU'RE ONE OF THE BEST BATHING ATTENDANTS KURO HAS EVER HAD!
WHAT?!
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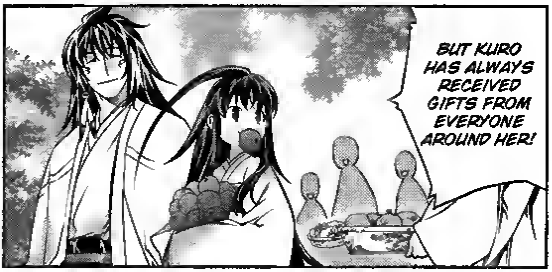
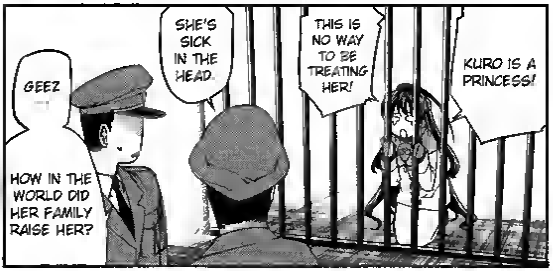
NAM-SAN! KURO HAS A GREAT IDEA!
HM~ THERE'S GOT TO BE AN EASY WAY...
WHY NOT MAKE SOME FOOD FOR KEITA-SAN? THAT'S SURE TO SCORE YOU SOME POINTS!
OH~
NOT A BAD IDEA.
FEH! YOU'RE TALKING TO THE BEST COOK ON EARTH!
COOKING IS, AFTER ALL, A VITAL PART OF EVERY WOMAN'S REPERTOIRE!
WOW~ YOU'RE A TALENTED COOK, NAM-SAN!
CHEERS, COMRADE!
SNIP
OH, REALLY? ...KURO ALWAYS HAD A CHEF PREPARE HER MEALS, SO SHE DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT COOKING...

WHAT HAS KURO DONE WRONG!?
YOU DIDN'T PAY FOR IT!
IT WAS A SINGLE BANANA JUST LYING THERE!


BUT KURO HAS ALWAYS RECEIVED GIFTS FROM EVERYONE AROUND HER!


GEEZ
SHE'S SICK IN THE HEAD.
THIS IS NO WAY TO BE TREATING HER!
KURO IS A PRINCESS!
HOW IN THE WORLD DID HER FAMILY RAISE HER?

HMM... PERHAPS I *DID* SPOIL HER TOO MUCH
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